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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES: SAGA OF THE "ROLAND"
(CONTINUED)

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1. SUMMARY. REFUGEES ABOARD ROLAND MAY FINALLY BE ALLOWED
ASHORE AT KUALA TRENGGANU BUT MEANWHILE ARE VENTING
FRUSTRATION THROUGH ACTS OF SABOTAGE ABOARD. END SUMMARY.

2. FURTHER TO PARA 3 REFTTEL A, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
OFFICER NOTIFIED US THIS MORNING (MARCH 10) THAT
AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION TEAM HAS RETURNED FROM INTERVIEWS
ABOARD "ROLAND" THE WCRP CHARTERED EX-MINESWEEPER
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CURRENTLY LYING OFF TIOMAN ISLAND. ACCORDING AUSTRALIANS,
IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE THAT ALL RPT ALL REFUGEES ABOARD
WILL BE ALLOWED ASHORE AT KUALA TRENGGANU, INCLUDING
THOSE NOT RPT NOT ACCEPTED BY AUSTRALIANS.
HOWEVER, ROLAND UNABLE TO GET UNDERWAY DUE TO
GENERATOR BREAKDOWN. FIRST MATE NOW ON WAY TO
SINGAPORE TO OBTAIN GENERATOR SO VESSEL CAN

HOIST ANCHOR AND PROCEED ON APPROXIMATELY 150
MILE JOURNEY NORTH TO KUALA TRENGGANU.

2. FROM ACCOUNT WE RECEIVED, IT MAY BE NIP AND
TUCK WHETHER ROLAND WILL MEET GOM "SEAWORTHINESS"
CRITERIA BY TIME IT REACHES KUALA TRENGGANU
(ASSUMING IT MAKES IT THAT FAR) SINCE REFUGEES
ABOARD APPEAR BENT ON GRADUALLY SCUTTling VESSEL.
ACTS OF SABOTAGE INCLUDE HOLING OF HULL OF
ROLAND'S FUEL BARGE, ALLOWED SEAWATER IN AND
PROBABLY RUINING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF FUEL,
AND CHOPPING UP HATCH COVER ON ROLAND FOR COOKING FUEL.
(CAPTAIN REPORTEDLY WAS AGHAST WHEN MRS. HOMER
JACK BROUGHT THIS TO HIS ATTENTION, SINCE WAVES AT
THE ANCHORAGE CONCEIVABLY COULD SWAMP VESSEL.)
WHILE AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRATION TEAM ABOARD, REFUGEES
DUMPED LIFE PRESERVES OVERBOARD. IN SUM, CONDITIONS
ABOARD THE ROLAND ARE DETERIORATING. UNHCR OFFICER
FRANCOIS FOUINAT SCHEDULED RETURN THIS EVENING FROM
TIOMAN AND WE ASSUME HE WILL HAVE FURTHER TO REPORT ON
STATUS OF THOSE ABOARD ROLAND.
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